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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Claims 10 through 17 for continued examination.

Applicants reserve the right to file either one or more divisional applications drawn to the nonelected claims, or an amendment to this application which adds new claims, including a generic claim.

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